Sl. No.	Year	Maximum rate of construction work per km. of BOT package (Rs. crore/km.)	Minimum rate of construction work per km. of BOT package (Rs. crore/km.)
1	2003-04	7.13	1.88
2	2004-05	7.36	1.38
3	2005-06	45.1	2.47

Broken bridges on National Highway 24

1730. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bridges that have broken down during the recent rains in Simdega district of Jharkhand on National Highway 24;

(b) why are these bridges not fortified during the last several years;

(c) by when this entire section of NH 24 would be doubled and made all weather road; and

(d) the problems encountered to maintain this section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) NH-24 is between Delhi and Lucknow. However, Simdega is situated on NH-23 in Jharkhand. No bridge on NH-23 in Simdega district has broken down during recent rains.

(c) Widening of the entire section of NH-23 falling in Simdega district is being undertaken in a phased manner. Out of 69 km. single lane in Simdega district, the work of widening to two lane in 23 km. length is in progress. Widening of 18 km. length to two lane has been included in the Annual Plan 2006-07. Widening of remaining length will depend upon availability of funds and *inter se* priority of works.

(d) The problems encountered at present is existing single lane road width with inadequate carriage width. After the road is widened to two lane, the inherent problem of maintaining single lane will ease out.